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RUSSIAN WAR BUDGET EQUALS THAT OF ENTIRE WEST

Two Planes Expected To Leave Summerside For England Today

News In Brief

ROME, March 11 (AP) — Premier Alcide De Gasperi announced today his government has approved Italy's participation in the projected North Atlantic alliance.

WASHINGTON, March 11 (CP) — Army Secretary Kenneth Royall today accused Russia of duplicity and falsification. He called her blockade of Berlin a "day-to-day threat to the peace of the world."

OTTAWA, March 11 (CP) — Tendency of the United Kingdom and other Western European countries to buy from non-dollar countries even at higher prices is a threat to Canadian trade, Graham Ford, chairman of the Foreign-Exchange Control Board, reported today.

Postage Rates on Gift Parcels Cut

OTTAWA, March 11 (CP) — A "substantial" reduction in the postage rates on gift parcels to the United Kingdom was announced today by Postmaster-General Bertrand in the Commons.

Effective April 1, the new rates are: 50 cents on parcels from one to five pounds; \$1 from five to 10 pounds; \$1.50 from 10 to 15 pounds, and \$2 from 15 to 20 pounds.

The current rates for these classifications are 85 cents, \$1.50, \$2 and \$2.50 respectively.

The new tariffs apply only to gift parcels containing non-perishable food stuffs, discarded wearing apparel and soap. They should be plainly marked "gift parcels."

Icing Conditions Cause of Crash

OTTAWA, March 11 (CP) — A board of enquiry today reported that icing conditions caused the crash of an aircraft near Maxville, Ont., last Feb. 13 which took the lives of Wallace C. Siple, his wife and five children.

The board added that another incidental cause of the crash could have been Siple's action in continuing the flight without de-icing equipment into an area of freezing drizzle.

Coming Events

- *Mail your Films to Garnham Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- *Crockinole Party in Millview Hall, March 15th.
- *Mr. Lorne Acom of Village Green spent the past few days in the city.
- *Cafeteria Feeds and Soy Bean Meal, J. R. Match, Carter's Warehouse, Open from 8.30 to 5.30.
- *Buying young pigs at Fredericton Monday. Leading hogs for Swift's Tuesday. Knud Jorgensen.
- *See ad in Central Guardian concerning Indian River—Kensington St. Patrick's Play.
- *Crockinole Party in Pleasant Valley School, Wednesday evening, March 16th. If stormy, Thursday.
- *Cracked corn and cornmeal now \$3.00 per cwt. McCulligan & Boyle.
- *Jimmy Power's Variety Concert at Vernon River Hall, March 16th, at 8.30. Under the auspices of the C. W. L.
- *Celebrate St. Patrick's Day by singing Norboro Play in Emerald Hall, sponsored by Summerfield C. W. L. Thursday, 17th.
- *See Errol Flynn and Ann Sheridan in "Silver River" at MacDonald Bros. Theatre, tonight. Action galore.
- *Car of Coal due to arrive in ten days. Book your order now. Also booking orders for lime and fertilizer. Spring delivery, E. J. McDougall, Vernon.

French War Hero Dies of Poisoning

PARIS, March 11 (CP) — Gen. Henri Honore Giraud, 70, French hero of two world wars, died tonight at a military hospital in Dijon. He had been stricken by food poisoning.

Earlier today the General, who had been retired since the end of the Second World War, received the last rites of the Roman Catholic Church.

His death was announced at a night session of the National Assembly, the lower house of the French Parliament, by Socialist deputy Andre Le Troquer, Assembly president.

During the two wars, Giraud escaped six times from German prisons. He received the Medaille Militaire (Military Medal) Thursday. This is France's highest decoration and is generally given only to men from the ranks. It is an unusual distinction for an officer to receive it.

Airmen at the station said the main problem is to take off and get safely up to about 20,000 feet, above where icing conditions might be dangerous. The weather over the Atlantic is not a serious problem, they indicated, provided conditions are good at the destination.

The airport was experiencing difficulty yesterday in getting weather reports on which to plan the flight. Teletypes at the airport were out of action due to a short circuit on the electric power line and they were not getting enough voltage for a time to operate radio transmitters.

The destination in England is Shawberry.

Squad. Ldr. W. C. Langstaff, D.F.C., the officer commanding the Air Navigation School, said it became necessary to postpone start of the flight until Sunday they would still keep on schedule in England.

The trip will take the student navigators on a visit to the Empire Air Navigation School at Shawberry to study R.A.F. methods and techniques and they will visit various plants where navigation instruments are manufactured. They plan to be back at Summerside on Thursday, March 24th.

Squadron Leader W. L. Gillespie of Summerside and Toronto is in charge of the flight.

Christmas Every Day But Not For Long

(By The Associated Press)
WOODLAND, Wash., Mar. 11 — The Christmas tree still glows for Albert Wyman, and every night his daddy brings home new gifts. It's a wonderful life for a five-year-old.

But Albert doesn't know that last December doctors said he had about 90 days to live. He has acute lymphatic leukemia. Some night soon he will go to sleep, and in the night he'll die.

That's the outlook for Albert, the boy who has Christmas every day.

DRINK LESS BEER

LONDON (CP) — Beer consumption in the United Kingdom in November dropped to the lowest monthly average since March, but tobacco consumption showed the highest monthly average since October 1947.

But the Canadian market offers further possibilities for British wool goods. The future position of British firms in this will "depend upon themselves and their efforts," the report adds.

LONDON, March 11 (CP) — British woolen goods are meeting "considerable consumer resistance" in Canada at their present prices. This has resulted in a certain volume of change-over to lower-quality goods, the British wool textile mission says in a report released today.

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LONDON, March 11 (CP) — The Government will open prosecution against an alleged baking-industry combine in Canada's three far-western provinces, Justice Minister Garson announced today in the Commons.

All Maritimes Hit By Yesterday's Freezing Rain

Quadruplet Lambs At Kelly's Cross

Quadruplet lambs are so rare that even Walter Shaw, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and H. W. Clay, Senior Livestock Fieldman for the Dominion Department of Agriculture, can't remember an instance on the island before.

Last Sunday, March 6, an ewe owned by Mrs. Aeneas Matters, Kelly's Cross, gave birth to four lambs—three ewes and a ram. Unfortunately, the ram died but the three ewes are "still living and doing well."

HALIFAX, March 11 (CP) — Storm warnings are up throughout the Maritime Provinces again tonight. And the outlook for the week-end is grim.

Topping off a week of continuous bad weather, gale-force winds brought a freezing rainstorm to the southeastern and northern parts of Nova Scotia early today. Communications were paralyzed as ice-coated telegraph and telephone lines toppled to the ground.

Weather Office reports gave warning of a big storm about 150 miles southeast of Cape Cod, moving slowly northeast — towards the Maritimes.

Line crews were still working to clear tangled communication lines and keep others in operation. Howling winds coated telephone and telegraph lines around Halifax, cutting off contact with the outside world for hours.

Hardest hit was the Wentworth Valley in Northern Nova Scotia. Ice on the telephone wires between Amherst and Truro, N. S., was two inches thick. Fifty poles were down in one section and ice-encrusted trees crashed down taking other wires with them.

Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Telegraph Companies reported almost complete chaos early in the day, but linemen battled tonight in driving rain and sleet to bridge the mass of tangled wires and splintered poles.

The Maritime Telephone and Telegraph company struggled with only four outgoing lines for most of the day. Communications with Boston, New York, Toronto and all Prince Edward Island points beyond Charlottetown were out of commission.

Montreal calls were routed through Digby, N. S., Saint John, N. B., and Fredericton. Later, the main Charlottetown leg went down and calls were pushed through New Glasgow, on Nova Scotia's northern coast.

A power failure between Windsor, N. S., and Halifax, left this city without tram service for a short time and cut off household supply in the city's west and south ends.

IN NEW BRUNSWICK

SAINT JOHN, N.B., March 11 (CP) — Reports from provincial centres tonight indicated that the most serious damage to communications in New Brunswick, as a result of freezing rain, hail and sleet, had occurred in Westmorland County, especially near the Nova Scotia border.

Power went off in Sackville when transformers and wires broke under loads of ice. Ice-laden tree branches snapped, littering sidewalks and roads. Some streets were flooded in spots.

Communication east of Moncton was disrupted as linemen struggled to repair wires and keep other lines open. Air transport was grounded and most highways were treacherous.

Slush covered sidewalks and streets in Saint John but no damage was reported in this area or in Western New Brunswick.

Russian Claims Diplomatic Immunity

NEW YORK, March 11 (AP) — A Russian engineer claimed diplomatic immunity and a young woman government worker pleaded innocent today when they were arraigned in federal court on espionage charges.

The immunity claim was made by Valentine A. Gubitchev, suspended Soviet employee of the United Nations who was indicted Thursday with Judith Coplon, 27-year-old analyst for the United States Justice Department.

Estimate Is Based on U. S. Information

By J.M. Roberts, Jr.
Associated Press News Analyst
The new Russian budget, studied in the light of information from Russian sources which has been assembled in the United States during a 25-year period, indicates that Soviet military expenditures this year will equal and possibly exceed those of the entire Western Powers.

The American sources of this information cannot be identified but their authority is unquestionable. Exact comparison between Russian and Western military budgets are almost impossible. Although pegged at 19 cents in Russia, the ruble is not convertible in international exchange.

A vast proportion of Russian military expenditure goes into new plants and machinery either directly designed for or easily convertible to war purposes. This is true also in the West, where general industrial strength is recognized as a part of military potential. But, in the countries where industrialization has reached a vastly higher level, there is a much smaller proportion of new plant construction with an eye to possible war.

The United States and other countries also have hidden budgets for war purposes, such as for various parts of the atomic energy program and for espionage.

But the United States military budget, according to information obtained during the 25-year study, is incomparably more open and realistic than the Russian.

The \$15,000,000,000 allocated to the United States armed forces this year covers almost all direct military items, including everything from adding machines and chairs in the Pentagon to planes, tanks, roads and strictly military research; it includes \$25,000,000 for atomic materials stockpiling.

On the other hand, if Russia still follows her standard budgetary practices, and there is evidence she does, her \$15,000,000,000 for the armed forces in 1949 represents little more than a salary, housing, food and upkeep fund for the army.

Planes, tanks and atomic plants come from the \$30,000,000,000 item in her budget "for the national economy." Research comes under "education."

The "national economy" item also covers plants producing purely consumer goods, and nobody has ever been able to break down the

Seed Potato Shipments Up Over Last Year

Certified seed potato shipments from Prince Edward Island increased this year, compared to last year, over half-a-million bushels as of March 5, stated Mr. S. G. Peppin, District Inspector, Seed Potato Certification Service.

Shipments up until March 5, 1949 were 2,702,876 bushels as against 2,182,795 in the same period last year.

Mr. Peppin, in stressing further details of the Potato Price Support Programme says: "The Potato Price Support Program involves only those potatoes"

Clarify Regulations Re Potato Shipments

Advice from Ottawa yesterday, that seed potato export permits to the U. S., already issued on the "old declaration" will be valid until March 15, relieved somewhat the immediate serious situation which had developed the previous day.

Shippers are still able to move their orders forward on permits already issued and there was no delay in shipping from this cause yesterday.

However, where new permits are required, the new signed declaration must be in the hands of Mr. Chester E. Shaw, Dominion Inspector of the Fruit and Vegetable Division at Charlottetown before a permit can be issued.

Mr. Shaw stressed that the exact wording of the new declaration must be used, or permits cannot be issued.

According to the latest ruling, "after March 15, any shipments that haven't been completed on permits already issued, must have

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Bandit Killed In Montreal Holdup

MONTREAL, March 11 (CP) — One of the five bandits who tried to hold up a restaurant on east-end Desjardins Street tonight was shot and killed by police, it was reported. Further details were not immediately available.

LITTLE WALTHAM, Essex, England (CP) — Because excavations for pipelaying will cross a large Roman cemetery here, they will be dug by hand under the supervision of an archaeologist.



Braving a flaming stairway to save her six-month-old baby and her six-year-old daughter, Mrs. Gustave Lord of Montreal is shown here with Nicole, one of the two she rescued. Fire followed a stove explosion in their home.

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Telegraph and Electric Light Companies Also Experience Trouble.

Electric power circuits were on again back to normal last night, but communications were still "out" in many sections of the Province as a result of a crippling silver thaw which struck late Thursday night and early yesterday morning. Repair crews, particularly the trouble-shooters of the telephone and telegraph companies, toiled ceaselessly yesterday to repair damage and at the same time anxiously scanned the skies as forecasts told of more bad weather to come.

The Island Telephone Company bore the brunt of the damage from the freezing rainstorm with 78 poles reported down between Milton and Fredericton. Many of these poles carried as many as 30 wires. Other wire breaks were reported west of Summerside and between Red Bank, Corner Brook and Beedville. Long distance calls to Nova Scotia were via micro-wave to New Glasgow. Mr. D. M. Gass, manager of the company, reported conditions the worst experienced since a similar sleet storm three years ago. East of Charlottetown few wires were down.

The Canadian National Telegraphs lines were down from about 2:30 a.m. yesterday until 11 a.m. Communication west of Summerside was still down last night. Temporary repairs were being rushed by crews until such time as weather permits permanent restoration of service.

Signals Asst.
The 5th Divisional Signals, Lt.-Col. F. J. Storey, O.C., filled in the gap in communications when they placed their two large wireless sets, at the Charlottetown Armouries, at the disposal of the telegraph and Canadian Press. News copy was carried along with the outgoing and incoming military communications. The sets were operated by the Administration and Training personnel headed

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ALL THE CONSTITUTION GUARANTEES IS THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS YOU HAVE TO CATCH IT YOURSELF

HALIFAX, March 11 (CP) — Official inland forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax, valid until midnight Saturday, with an outlook for Sunday.

Synopsis: Poor weather covers all of Eastern Canada and Newfoundland as well as the New England States. Over the Maritimes rain and drizzle with occasional freezing rain are occurring, while over Quebec and Ontario snow is falling. Little is expected Saturday over the forecast district. A storm about 150 miles south of Liverpool, N.S., is moving northeast. By Saturday evening it should be centred over Prince Edward Island. The storm is expected to recur more to the north and possibly the northwest Sunday. As a result, the weather will remain poor in the northern regions, with an outlook for some improvement in the southern regions.

Regional forecasts: Prince Edward Island — Intermittent drizzle and rain. Not much change in temperature. Light winds. Low and high Saturday at Charlottetown 32 and 40. Outlook for Sunday — showers.

High tide today at 9.15 A.M. and 8.21 P.M. Sun rises this morning at 6.19 and sets at 6.01. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

WEEK DAYS Leaves Borden 9.10 A.M. and arrives at Cape Tormentine at 10.15 A.M. Leaves Cape Tormentine 2.40 P.M. and arrives at Borden 3.35 P.M. No Sunday schedule in effect.

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